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<u>DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN DUPLICATE PURCHASE RECEIPT SCHEME</u> <u>TARGETING T.J. MAXX AND MARSHALLS STORES</u>

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Court Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr. sentenced LATOYA LAWSON, 31, of Sacramento, California, to 30 months in prison and ordered her to pay more than \$80,000 in restitution in connection with her role in a fraudulent duplicate purchase receipt scheme that defrauded TJX Companies, Inc., operators of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls retail stores.

The prosecution is the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Secret Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Courtney Linn, who prosecuted the case, the investigation also resulted in charges against a second defendant, HOWARD GLOYD. He pleaded guilty, and on April 28, 2008, Judge Damrell sentenced him to 18 months in prison.

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